SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERIEE: In the previous Food for Work Programme, about 2 million tonnes of food were distributed each year to create millions of mandays. Anyway, it was stopped. Even the NREP, RLEGP, IRDP and anti-poverty programme can easily constitute an ' alternative strategy of rural development ' if the stockpile of fbodgrains available with the public agencies are allocated and properly used for these anti-poverty programmes. Will this Government give the most serious thought to this?

SHRi GHULAM NAM AZAD. Sirpas I have already mentioned, this question which the hon. Member is referring to belongs to Agricultural Ministry, particularly Rural Development* Department., As far as, we are concerned, the Rural Development Department asks for food and we supply the food to. that Depart-1 ment. It is their business to further distribute through NREP.

श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण : सर, माननीय मंत्री जी यह बतायेंगे कि जहां तक भारत सरकार से स्टेट गवर्नमेंट तक की सप्लाई का ताल्लुक है, वह मोर देन नार्मल है और फेयर डिस्ट्रिब्यूटन में इसलिये डिटिरियोरेशन है कि वहां एक पर्टिकुलर पार्टी एक पर्टिकुलर ग्रुप को एम्पलाई कराना चाहती है और उस परपज के लिये वहां दो मर्डर भी हो चुके हैं और वहां दो डिपो बन्द किये, जिससे सप्लाई डिटिरियोरेटेड है। क्या इस बारे में मंत्री जी बतायेंगे ? ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI GtJRUDAS DAS GUPTA. sir, he is'abusing his right.

SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: I am nortbusing my right. I am stating the fact. Two murders have taken* place because a particular party wants/a particular group to be employed. For that reason two depots in West Bengal have been closed. They are not at all functioning.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Question not relevant. Nex-i question.

Restructuring of SAIL

* 146. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; t'
SHRI'HARVENDRA SINGH
HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of -STEEL AM> MINES be pleased to state.

(a) whether, the, Steel Authority of India Limited is being restructured; and

(b) if so, what are. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL ANB MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE); No, sir.

(h) Does not arise.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, I have one thousand press: cuttings and some of the national dailies have carried stories on Aprii 6 and 7 saying that SAIL is being' restructured. However, since the-, time is short, I am not going to argue about ft. Perhaps the answer is technical,. However, I would like to 'know whether SAIL *h* implementing any plan under which there will be fever levels and greater vertical interaction through* a flatter organisation. I also want to know whether it is correct that the approval system and promotion policy have been' s&-vised to avoid role clarity and performance orientation, whether the recruitment system has also been revised and whether the level of overtime has been reduced.

SHRI VASANT' SATHE: Sir, the question put was: is the Steel Authority of India Limited feeing restructured, and we normally, ' understood whether, the holding company[1] concept is; being changed anS modified and so on. Yes, we have seen the newspaper, reptffts. Actually there is a misunderstanding about the word "restructured" and they also have put the heading as "restructured". Therefore; our answer to the[1,] question-is,, "No". I accept that reorganisation of the hierarchy etc. fa

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by' Shri KapSVerma.

JkeraaHy being done. That is true. And ttat is being done to improve the effi-/dency of the working.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, he has aot replied to the various points Have made.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hehas said it is a matter of reorganisation, not restructuring.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, it is good that the saleable steel' production hag increased. But my information is- that. ^actual steel production,. in "1986-87. has Mien short of the target by neatly a mil' iion tonne. I want to know the reasons for that.

SHRI VASAN SATHE: I will heed a separate question for that.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि अभी जो स्टील अथोरिटी की गवर्निंग बाडी है, उसमें बोर्ड ऑफ डायरेक्टर कितने लोग हैं, कौन-कौन हैं, उनकी क्वालिफिकेशन क्या है, उनमें कितने पार्ट टाइम हैं, कितने फुल टाइम हैं और कितनी जगह कब से खाली हैं, इनको कब भरने जा रहे हैं ?

SHRI VACANT SATHE: I will send the information to the hon. Member because I do not have it Just. now.

USHRI *JAGI^H DESAI: Sir, I. am Mppy that reorganization is being done *m* SAIL fop- increasing efficiency. Iivould file to know from the honourable Minister whether more financial powers will be gtveti, to different companies mider' 'the holding company so ^that decisions car/ be taken very quickly and efficiency- can be increased.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Yes Sir, this is being considered.

SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY: Sir, the honourable Minister has said that instead of restructuring, they have reorganized ^ the whole structure. I would like *to* know frorn the honourable Minister whether more-than 1, 600 employees, right' from April 1986 to November 1986, have been retrenched or retired from service, especially retrenched from service, and • what was the reason for it and what steps the Government has taken for re-employing those employees in other allied units.

MR. CHAIRMAN'.. If. you have the information, j(Ou give it.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I do not have the information on retrenchment. If •specifically asked, I will, try-to get it. . t'

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, he^ means that reorganizing the hierarchy is restructuring. -;. There is a report in the pre% that the Government is contemplating to increase the efficiency of the orga-nizatipn and to induct specialists from the private sector in the Board of Directors of SAIL, particularly, andand there was a special report that you have decided or you are going to decide ' to include some people from Tata in the SAIL. Is it true?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: There is no such decision yet but we are not allergic to getting experts from outside.

Visakhapatnam Steel Project,

*147. SHRI ATAL BIHARl VAJPAYEE: SHRI KAILASH RATI MISHRA;

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: '

' (a) the investment made till date in the. 16 year-old Visakhapatnam SteeJ Project;

(b) whether the_cost of production of Steel is likely to-be Rs. 7000/- per metric tonne after. taking into account' the interest charges, depreciation and other basic over-head charges, "and the 65 per cent capacity utilisation of the plant (India Today, dated the 15th March, 1987); and

(c) if so, what are the- details thereof and what is the likely market price of the steel produced in this plant?.

fThe question was actually asked on. •the floor of the House by Shri Kajlash Pati Mishra.